

SB 623 -- BALLOT MEASURES

SPONSOR: Foster (Mayer)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Budget by a vote of 24 to 0.

This bill modifies procedures for the review and approval of ballot summaries, fiscal notes, and fiscal note summaries for measures placed on the ballot by the General Assembly and for petitions being circulated for signatures to place measures on the ballot. Any court challenge to a ballot summary, fiscal note, or fiscal note summary must state the reason or reasons they are insufficient or unfair. If the court considers a fiscal note or fiscal note summary, it will either certify the note or summary to the Secretary of State or remand the fiscal note or fiscal note summary to the State Auditor for revision. If a fiscal note or fiscal note summary is found to be insufficient by the Attorney General, the note or summary will be returned to the State Auditor for revision.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides a procedure for the challenge of ballot summaries, fiscal notes, and fiscal note summaries for measures placed on the ballot.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Foster.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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